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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In the Office Action dated March 22 2004, the Examiner stated that the present application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions, namely claims 1-4, drawn to a mechanical breathing aid, and claims 5-9, drawn to a control unit. Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. §121.

In response, Applicant herewith elects claims 1-4 for immediate examination on the merits. This election is made without traverse.

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